

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 25 as follows:

When placing or attaching the optical components described in Examples 1 and 2 on top of a reflector 175 which maintains the polarisation polarization direction of incident light from source 176, and when using a polariser polarizer 174 which is rotatable about the axis of the direction of travel of the light which has traversed the polariser polarizer 174 and the optical component, such light is reflected at [[said]] the reflector 175 and traverses a second time the optical component and [[said]] the polariser polarizer 174 (schematically shown in Figure 17). Then similar images seen in the transmissive mode illustrated in Example 1 and 2 are observed: by rotating [[said]] the polarizer 174, peaks of maximum contracts for each image 173 are obtained at specific rotation angles of the polarizer 174, enabling, at each such angle, visualisation of a respective image 173 not otherwise visible using analyzer 177; the image 173 appears bluish/white or violet/whitish with relative poor contrasts because the optical retardations and its optical axis were not optimised for the reflective operation mode.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 7 as follows:

The production of a PPN (=LPP) and LCP layer (retarder 178) which can be used according to embodiments of the invention will be described still by way of example, in more detail below.

Please delete the illumination step labeled as number "9" in "Table 3" on page

17. Please replace the same illumination step number "9" with the table illustrated as follows, which has been amended by adding a reference numeral 173 and a line designating 173:

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Substrate	Substrate	Substrate	Substrate
LPP layer no. 1			
LCP-layer	LCP-layer	LCP-layer	LCP-layer
LPP layer no. 2			
LCP-layer	LCP-layer	LCP-layer	LCP-layer

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Illumination step no: < 9 >
(isotropic light)